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## SURVEY FOR NEW RAILROAD HERE

### PRELIMINARY IS COMPLETED

WILL RECOMMEND PRACTICABILITY OF PROPOSED ROUTE.

Vinita People Ready to Subscribe Bonus if Shown That Proposition is Bona Fide.

The surveyors for the Osage and Western railroad reached this city Saturday night, completing the preliminary survey of the road from Enid to this city. It is stated, on good authority, that they will at once begin making the permanent locations.

The survey runs in a northeasterly direction from Enid to Pawhuska. Bearing to the north after leaving Pawhuska the preliminary passes through the southern portion of Bartlesville, and then turns to the southeast and runs on a line almost as the crow flies, through Nowata to Vinita. The line will probably enter this city from the northwest over the right-of-way and grade built for the Vinita & Northwestern, defunct. The Chieftain was unable to get a personal interview with the chief of the surveying party, but it is said he is highly pleased with the route over which it is proposed to build the road, and will recommend the feasibility of the road to the company.

The committee that was appointed by the Commercial club to get the sentiment of the people on the matter of raising the bonus, report that there will be no objection to giving the bonus, and that the money can be raised with very little difficulty, if the promoter can convince them that he means business. The people do not wish to go to the expense of raising the money, if the road is not built, for even if the road is not built and the bonus is never paid, there will be an expense of possibly \$1,000, that will have to be borne and the property owners and business men do not care to incur this expense if the railroad proposition is nothing more than wind. It is, however, the general belief that this proposition is bona fide.

## Pinchot's Friends Believe He Can Produce Proofs

Washington, Jan. 10.—"Speaker Cannon is too smart and has played the game of politics too long to let the senate pull him out of a hole and have the country think he asked for it."

This statement by an insurgent expresses a belief that is general among the members of both houses of congress at present. Cannon's assertion Saturday that the majority always has ruled and will rule this time if he has his way, is regarded as settling the course he will pursue in the matter of the selection of the committee to represent the house in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation.

It is expected that the senate will consider today the report of the public lands committee of the senate on the Jones resolution, providing for the investigation of the objections of Mr. Pinchot to the manner in which the department or the interior has dealt with the western coal lands and water power sites. That report offers a substitute for the resolution originally introduced and that substitute provides that the speaker of the house shall name the six house members of the joint committee in the face of the

## SEARCHING INVESTIGATION INTO WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 10.—Syndicated white slavery is under fire today, in the grand jury room. District Attorney Whitman asked the investigators to find indictments against certain individuals, alleged leaders in the business. It is believed that the searching investigation undertaken by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., foreman of the special grand jury, has already proceeded far enough to show that there is not only an organized white slave traffic really existing, but that there is close relations between the traffic in women in the principal cities of the country.

## OVERLEY REPAYS PROPERTY OWNERS

Contractor is Bitter in Criticism of Former City Clerk in Changing Bonds.

E. J. Overley, the contractor, of Joplin, was in the city today settling up the controversy arising over the payment of Dr. T. T. Wimer and A. H. Bertram for work done in paving Wilson street and Canadian avenue.

In speaking of the affair Mr. Overley said that he wanted the Chieftain to state that he paid both of the above property owners ten per cent more as a refund than they had paid him. He also said that he placed the blame of the error on former Clerk G. P. Fogel, whose error according to Mr. Overley cost the contractor twenty per cent of the cost of the paving in front of the property owned by Dr. Wimer and Mr. Bertram, and Mr. Overley says Mr. Fogel charged him \$50 for making the transfer of bonds.

Two marriage licenses were issued late Saturday. The first was issued to Benjamin Harrison McBrien, aged 21, of Afton and Miss Myrtle L. Wilson, aged 18, of Bluejacket. The other was to Tom Barlow, aged 21, and Miss Kate Wyatts, 18, both of Welch.

## POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT COMES NEXT TO TREASURY

### Annual Report of First Assistant Postmaster General Made Public—Increase in Revenue of Postal Service for Year Was \$12,083,720—7,202 Presidential Postoffices in United States—Recommends Various Changes in Postal Laws.

Washington, Jan. 10.—As a business institution, the postoffice department, next to the United States treasury, is the greatest in the government. According to figures submitted by Charles P. Grandfield, first assistant postmaster general, for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1909, made public today in his annual report, the gross revenue of the postal service reached the enormous total of \$203,562,383, an increase of \$12,083,720, or 6.31 per cent, over the preceding year. There were 7,202 presidential postoffices on July 1, 1909. Of this number 398 were first class, an increase of 14; 1,707 were second class, an increase of 112; and 5,097 were third class, an increase of 230. The total increase in the number of presidential offices 358. There were 1,444 postoffices established during the year and 2,064 were discontinued, leaving a total of 60,144 postoffices in operation on June 30, 1909. During the year 1,626 postmasters were appointed at presidential offices. At fourth class offices 9,161 postmasters were appointed.

Concerning the routine of his bureau, Dr. Grandfield says: "The annual rate of expenditure for the salaries of presidential postmasters on July 1, 1909, was as follows: First class, \$1,408,600; second class, \$4,012,400; third class, \$7,344,800; making a total of \$12,765,800.

"At the close of the fiscal year there were 1,978 assistant postmasters at first and second class offices, an increase of 116. The number of clerks at first and second class offices increased from 28,220 to 29,930, and the four successive quarters. The officers carrier force at city delivery offices from 26,352 to 27,620, being a net increase of 1,268 clerks and 1,268 carriers.

"The retention of fourth class postmasters during satisfactory service has become the established practice of the department, and the policy of recommending the reappointment of presidential postmasters, who have proved efficient, has been followed consistently, with highly beneficial results.

"It is recommended that the law be so amended as to provide for the advancement of an office of the fourth class to the presidential class whenever the compensation of the postmaster amounts to \$1,000 and the gross annual receipts to \$1,900 for four successive quarters. The offices that would be affected by such a change in the statute are mainly these located at summer and winter resorts where a large business equivalent to that of a presidential office, is transacted during one of two quarters.

produce the evidence to support his charges. There is a story going the rounds that Senator Dilliver will take all the responsibility today for the reading of the Pinchot letter in the senate, but that does not make any difference, for Pinchot knew the letter would be used if the time came when it seemed proper to use it. It all gets down to the question whether Pinchot can prove the charges made by his department and whether he is given a chance to prove them.

Pinchot's friends here are more afraid that he will not have the chance than that he will be unable to produce the proof. So far as congress is concerned this matter has all come up so suddenly that the members want to hear from home. They are at a loss to know what the people think and whether the atmosphere of discipline that surrounds Washington extends to the country. In official circles here the disobedience of an order of the president, in no matter how small a matter, is a sufficient explanation for the discharge of anyone in the government service. The members are not sure that the same feeling prevails at home.

## HOUSE LEADERS INVOKE CAUCUS TO STOP REVOLT

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The power of the party caucus is being invoked in the house, in an effort to suppress the revolt of the insurgents. The leaders decided today, that wherever the insurgents, as a body, differ with the majority, the caucus shall determine the party cause.

It was said in the house, today, that Representative Dwight, of New York, the republican whip, had taken the names of the insurgents off the list of representatives to whom he regularly sends notice demanding attendance at the time of divisions.

## POLICE SUPPRESSED NEWS OF YOUNG MAN'S DEATH

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—Nathaniel F. Moore, a son of James Hobart Moore, the Rock Island financier, was found dead today, in his room, at a south side street resort. The news is said to have been suppressed by the police for twelve hours. Coroner Hoffman is not satisfied with the explanation that the deceased came to his death by heart disease and will thoroughly investigate.

## EDITORS DISCUSS COMING CAMPAIGN

DEMOCRATIC "DOPSTERS" GATHER AT GUTHRIE.

ON SPECIAL TO PAWHUSKA

Press Association, Royally Entertained By Osage County Democracy at Jackson Day Banquet

The democratic press association met at Guthrie Saturday with an unusually large and representative attendance, every portion of the state being represented. The session was held at the lone hotel and the questions that are likely to play an important part in the coming campaign. Taxation, the banking laws, the election laws and the salaries of county officers were considered as matters of predominating importance.

The sentiment was largely in favor of a call session of the state legislature which will probably be called shortly. A special train carried the members together with Governor Haskell and the state officials to Pawhuska in the afternoon to attend a Jackson Day banquet. The train arrived at Pawhuska about 9 a. m. Governor Haskell made the principal address to a large audience at the opera house after which the assembly repaired to the Knights of Pythias hall and about three hundred sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The feast interspersed with bright post prandial speeches continued until one o'clock. The special train returned to Guthrie putting the entire night on the trip. It was a very delightful occasion throughout and gave opportunity for an exchange of ideas with reference to state politics which should prove beneficial in the campaign this year which every one believes will be spirited.

The special train as well as the banquet was furnished free by the Osage county democracy.

## YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT FOR FORMER TRUST EMPLOYEES

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 10.—Four former employees of the American Sugar Refining company, convicted of underweighing frauds, were sentenced to one year's imprisonment each, by Judge Martin in the United States circuit court today. The men sentenced are Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle, Patrick J. Hennessey and John M. Coyle.

## BENEDICT LOSES GOVERNMENT JOB

### 'DISGRACEFUL CONDITIONS'

BALLINGER SUSPENDS FOUR OKLAHOMA SUPERVISORS.

Investigation Will Not Stop And Other Officials in Indian Service May Meet Same Fate.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Richard Ballinger, secretary of the interior has suspended John D. Benedict, superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and three supervisors from office as the result of an investigation which has disclosed "a disgraceful condition" affecting the material and moral welfare of the schools.

As a result of the investigation that the department has been carrying on some time, and which will be continued, other officials of the Indian service may suffer a like fate. The investigation that resulted in yesterday's action was entered into because of various reports reaching the department here charging the officials already suspended, as well as others, with activities that were considered improper for government employees. The suspended supervisors are Calvin Ballard of the Choctaw schools in McAlester; Frederick H. Umboltz of the Chickasaw schools in Ardmore, and Walter Falwell of the Creek schools in Muskogee.

From the report made in the case it appears that Superintendent Benedict is connected with certain business interests in Oklahoma which have more or less business with the Indians, which relationship, it was believed, was wholly incompatible with his service as superintendent. He had permitted the schools, it was reported, to fall into a disgraceful condition, and the supervisors have neglected their duties in the enforcement of school contracts and in matters affecting the material and moral conditions surrounding the conduct of the schools.

Mr. Benedict has been connected with the Indian service ten years. Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 10.—John D. Benedict, superintendent of schools for the Five Civilized Tribes and Walter Falwell, Calvin Ballard, Frederick Umbolts and J. Carter Cook, Indian school supervisors, who were suspended yesterday by an order of Secretary Ballinger, surrendered their offices today, to Oscar H. Lipps. The suspended men assert that politics is responsible for the charges.

## TWO KILLED BY ROBBERS IN RAID ON RESORT

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Kans., Jan. 10.—Robbers raided a resort, known as Turner's hall in Crowders, a mining camp, in this vicinity, killing two and wounding another and escaped with two hundred dollars. The dead are Frank Anslie and George Smith. Albert Cravens and Edward Alton were arrested, charged with the robbery, and are in jail at Glard.

There were twenty men in the resort when the robbers raided it and they forced them to line up and deliver their valuables. Anslie and Smith resisted and were shot, and Bert Turney, who sought to aid them was wounded.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCE AMENDMENT DEFEATED

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—The senate today adopted the amended Ballinger-Pinchot resolution, reported by the committee, which provides that the house may choose its own method of selecting its membership of the investigation committee. The amendment providing that "any official or ex-official," whose conduct might be considered, might appear in person, was defeated.

J. R. Scott was able to be up town again today, for the first time since his recent illness.

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SHOE COMPANY

WARM FOOTWEAR

Overshoes, Leggings,

Spats of all colors,

Caps, Gloves, Underwear